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Ms. Lori Kahikina
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Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART)
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Mr. Michael Formby, Managing Director
Managing Director's Office
530 South King Street, Room 306
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

SUBJECT: **BUDGET COMMUNICATION NO. 13**
Request for Additional Information Relating to HART's Statement of Revenues and Surplus and Bill 22 (2026), Executive Operating Budget and Program for Fiscal Year 2027

Dear Ms. Kahikina and Mr. Formby,

Thank you for the information transmitted on December 1, 2025 (Departmental Communication 833 (2025) ("D-833 (2025)")) and December 4, 2025 (Departmental Communication 842 (2025) ("D-842 (2025)")), providing the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2027 Detailed Statement of Revenues and Surplus for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation ("HART") to the City Council ("Council"). Additionally, thank you for the information transmitted on March 2, 2026 (Mayor's Message 22 (2026)), submitting to the Council Bill 22 (2026), the Executive Operating Budget and Program for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

D-842 (2025) states that the "Oahu Transient Accommodation Tax (OTAT)" line item for FY 2027 is \$61,800,000. However, Bill 22 (2026) lists the "HART Share – County Transient Accommodation Tax" as \$53,337,000. Please provide an explanation for the discrepancy between these two figures. Additionally, please advise whether HART's Detailed Statement of Revenues and Surplus should be revised and retransmitted to the Council to adjust the "Oahu Transient Accommodation Tax (OTAT)" line item or whether Bill 22 (2026) should be amended to adjust the "HART Share – County Transient Accommodation Tax" appropriation.

Please provide the requested information to the Council no later Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val A. Okimoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

VAL AQUINO OKIMOTO, Chair
Committee on Budget

cc: Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

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